

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-48, 123-124, 126-128, 130-132, 135-148, and 151-154 were pending in the present application. Claims 14-18, 20-21, 23, 28-29, and 33 have been amended. Claim 30 has been canceled. As a result of this amendment, claims 1, 3-8, 10-29, 31-48, 123-124, 126-128, 130-132, 135-148, and 151-154 remain pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested in light of the accompanying amendments and remarks.

The objection to claims 14, 15, 21, 28, and 30 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim has been overcome. Claims 14-18, 20-21, 23, 28-29, and 33 have been amended to remove the carboxylates from the Markush groups. Claim 30 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 14, 15, 21, 28, and 29 are now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c).

The rejection of claims 14-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement is respectfully traversed. The limitation added to claim 14, “thio-, amido-, or imido-derivatives of phosphonic acid and diphosphonic acids and salts,” is supported by original claim 23. In reviewing the claims, Applicants noticed that claim 23 lacked antecedent basis in claim 14 and corrected this.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14-36 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 37-48, 124, 126-128, 130-132, 135-148, and 151-154.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the above amendment and remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that claims 1, 3-8, 10-29, 31-48, 123-124, 126-128, 130-132, 135-148, and 151-154 be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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